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John Urquhart
Sheriff

December 13, 2013

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: King County Sheriff Office's Letter of Support for Request for Partial Waiver of
Section 90.20(e)(6)(i) by the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators
PS Docket No. 13-281

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The King County Sheriff's Office strongly supports the request for partial waiver ("Waiver Request") filed by the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators ("IAATI") requesting that the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") waive Section 90.20(e)(6)(ii) of its rules, thereby allowing public safety entities to track and recover stolen vehicles equipped with SVRS equipment for as long as those vehicles are in use.

The King County Sheriff's Office is located in the county surrounding Seattle Washington; we currently operate 46 Lo-Jack law enforcement tracker units in patrol vehicles and two aircraft. As a result of our location and wide area of coverage the Lo-Jack system is an important part of our vehicle theft recovery efforts.

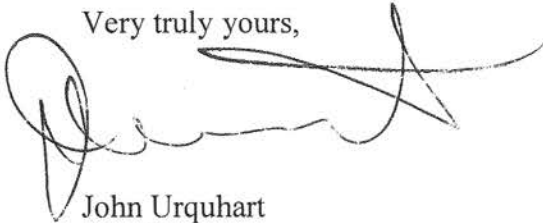
As described in the Waiver Request, IAATI seeks a partial waiver to allow wideband (25 kHz) Vehicle Locator Units to transmit response signals after the FCC's May 27, 2019 narrowbanding deadline so that older vehicles equipped with these devices may be tracked and recovered if stolen. We believe that the FCC's grant of IAATI's Waiver Request will benefit greatly the King County Sheriff's Office, other agencies in the State of Washington, and nationwide public safety efforts by recovering these vehicles and making arrests when possible.

Our Lo-jack equipment vehicles patrol the whole county and many of our fourteen contract jurisdictions, as a result when a Lo-Jack equipped vehicle is entered as stolen in our area, in most case it is recovered very quickly and in many cases with the driver and any occupants of the vehicle being arrested. This tool is an important part of

our recovery efforts due to our large geographic area and the number of stolen vehicles. The Sheriff's Office has a limited number of deputies to patrol the county and the use of this equipment assists us greatly in arresting those who steal vehicles and recovering stolen vehicles in our area. It is estimated that we make far more arrests and recoveries due to this tool, and your support for this waiver would greatly benefit us in our efforts to reduce crime and the fear of crime in our area. In many cases the equipment subject to this waiver was installed years ago and as a result the current owners are not aware the Lo-Jack unit is present. As a result when these older vehicles are stolen, in many cases is solely for parts, this equipment results in the identification of larger stolen vehicle rings or organized groups working in the area.

I support the request for waiver and urge the FCC to adopt in full IAATI's Waiver Request.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Urquhart', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

John Urquhart
Sheriff